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## I. WAGE RATES INDEXES

1. This section contains particulars of weighted average minimum weekly and hourly wage rates for adult males and adult females for Australia and each State, together with index numbers with base : year 1954 = 100. Less detailed statistics are first published in the monthly statement, *Wage Rates Indexes (Preliminary)* (6311.0).
2. The wage rates used in the compilation of the indexes are the lowest rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) prescribed for particular occupations. In the majority of cases the rates are prescribed in awards or determinations of Federal or State industrial authorities or in collective agreements registered with them. Rates prescribed in unregistered collective agreements are used where these are dominant in the particular industries to which they refer.
3. The Wage Rates Indexes are based on the occupation structure existing in 1954. Weights for each industry and each occupation were derived from two sample surveys made in that year. The first was the Survey of Awards in April 1954, which showed the number of employees covered by individual awards, determinations and collective agreements, and provided employee weights for each industry as well as a basis for the Survey of Award Occupations made in November 1954. This second survey showed the number of employees in each occupation within selected awards, etc. in the various industries, thereby providing occupation weights. Revised indexes based on more up to date weighting patterns are being developed.
4. The minimum wage rates used in the indexes are for representative occupations within each industry. They have been derived entirely from representative awards, determinations and collective agreements in force at the end of each period commencing with March 1939 for adult males and March 1951 for adult females. The current index for adult males includes rates for 3,415 award designations prescribed in 501 awards, determinations and collective agreements. As some of these designations are operative within more than one industry, or in more than one State, the total number of individual award occupations is 2,313. For adult females the corresponding numbers are 1,100 award designations, 187 awards, etc. and 515 individual award occupations. By use of the industry and occupation weights derived from the surveys described above, these rates were combined to give weighted averages for each industry group for each State and Australia. Because of coverage difficulties the rural industry is not included in the indexes. A list of the major awards used in the compilation of the wage rates index for adult males, together with explanatory notes, was shown in the July 1974 and August 1974 issue of this publication. The industry weighting pattern of the indexes is shown on page 80 of *Labour Statistics, 1975* (6101.0).
5. Because the indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of "wages" as distinct from "salaries", those awards, etc. which relate solely or mainly to salary earners are excluded. Thus awards relating to employees in the Finance and Property industry group (banking, insurance, etc.) are excluded as are awards relating to occupations such as engineers, scientists, architects, teachers, nurses, etc. and to administrative employees in government services. Some awards that specify annual rates of pay for certain occupations mainly in government employment (for example, mail officers, postal officers, drivers, linemen, telecommunications technicians, clerks and clerical assistants, office machine operators, typists, telephonists, etc.) are included.
6. The rates for particular occupations used in the indexes are prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements as set out in paragraph 2 above. Relevant rates of prescribed minimum wages for adult males and adult females (see page 18) are used when applicable. For some occupations general loadings of various kinds are included. Loadings, etc. that are not applicable to all workers in a specified award occupation (for example, those payable because of length of service; working in wet, dirty or confined places; excess fares incurred due to location of building site) are not included in the wage rates indexes. Annual leave loadings, prescribed in many awards, etc., are not included in the wage rates indexes. The ten per cent additions to minimum wage rates for adult males first prescribed in some Western Australian State awards in October 1970 are included in the wage rates. The weekly rates used in the index for occupations specified in the National Building Trades Construction Award include the weekly base rate of pay, the special allowance and the industry allowance.
7. In recent years the award rates of pay for some government employees have been based on actual rates of pay for employees in the private sector, which include over-award payments, loadings, etc. Thus award rates of pay for government employees in certain occupations will be higher than those for private employees in comparable occupations. This may affect the relative levels of the weighted average minimum wage rates in industry groups which have a large component of government employees (for example, the Communication group).
8. The indexes are designed to measure trends in wage rates in current awards, etc. excluding the effects of changes in the relative importance of industries, awards and occupations. The weighted average wage rates shown in the tables in this section are therefore indexes expressed in money terms, and do not purport to be actual current averages. Similarly, neither these weighted average wage rates nor the corresponding index



numbers measure the relative levels of average current wage rates as between States or industries.

9. Since 1954 the industrial structure in Australia has undergone changes which are likely to have had some effects on the representativeness of the regimen of the indexes. These effects are mitigated because occupations in new or expanding industries are often covered by existing awards and the wage rates for new occupations usually conform very closely to those for existing occupations. Also, where an entirely new award has been made and the number of employees affected has warranted such action, occupations from the new award have been introduced into the indexes. These latter cases have not been of great significance.

10. Weighted average minimum weekly wage rates for adult males and adult females covered by "Federal awards, etc." and for those covered by "State awards, etc." (as defined below) are shown separately in Tables 8 and 15. The wage rates for these two categories may change at any time as a result of the transfer of particular awards or occupations from one jurisdiction to another.

Relevant definitions are as follows :

"Federal awards, etc." include awards of, or collective agreements registered with, the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission and the Coal Industry Tribunal, and determinations of the Australian Public Service Arbitrator.

"State awards, etc." include awards or determinations of, or collective agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals together with certain unregistered collective agreements where these are dominant in the particular industries to which they refer.

11. The proportion of employees covered by Federal and State awards, etc. varies considerably between States. In addition, the proportions of employees engaged in the respective industries and occupations differ from State to State. As a result there may be relatively wide differences between the weighted average wage rates in the several States.

12. In some cases, when awards etc. are varied, the new wage rates are made retrospective. Also there is generally an unavoidable, and sometimes considerable, delay in the receipt of notification of changes in wage rates in respect of the occupations included in the indexes. Because of these delays, etc., figures for the latest twelve months are subject to revision. As such revisions are made they are published in the normal monthly tables of this bulletin. Considerations of space preclude the publication herein of revised figures for each industry group in each State but these are available on request.

13. A table showing the distribution of weekly

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wage rates included in the wage rates indexes, the weighted averages and medians of the indexes, and the proportion of index weights for wages equal to the various minimum wages, for February 1978 was published in the bulletin *Wage Rates Indexes, February 1978 (Preliminary)* (6311.0).

14. The titles of a number of the industry groups shown have been abbreviated due to lack of space.

15. **Related wage rates publications.** Wage rates and index numbers for adult males are available as at the end of each quarter from March 1939 to December 1956 and as at the end of each month from January 1957. Particulars for adult females have been compiled quarterly from March 1951 to June 1967 and monthly from July 1967. For details of wage rates and index numbers from 1939 reference should be made to the following bulletins.

*Minimum Wage Rates, March 1939 to June 1965* (6313.0).

*Wage Rates Indexes, June 1965 to June 1968* (6314.0).

*Wage Rates Indexes, June 1968 to June 1972* (6314.0).

*Wage Rates and Earnings, June 1976* (6312.0) for final figures July 1972 to June 1975.

Figures subsequent to June 1975 will be found in the July 1976 and later issues of this bulletin, and in the July 1976 and later issues of the monthly statement *Wage Rates Indexes (Preliminary)* (6311.0).

#### 16. Other related publications

Users may also wish to refer to the following earnings and income publications which are available on request :

*Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution) (Preliminary)* (6309.0). Results of an annual survey conducted annually in August.

*Average Weekly Earnings, Quarterly (Preliminary)* (6301.0) and main bulletin (6302.0).

*Earnings and Hours of Employees, Distribution and Composition (Preliminary)* (6305.0) and main bulletin (6306.0) — sample survey conducted annually in May.

*Earnings and Hours of Employees (Preliminary)* (6303.0) and main bulletin (6304.0) — sample survey conducted annually in October.

*Income Distribution 1968-69 Consolidated and Revised Edition* (6505.0) — sample survey conducted in respect of 1968-69.

*Income Distribution Part I, 1973-74* (6502.0), *Part II* (6503.0) and *Part III* (6504.0).

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

TABLE 1.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES (A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, AUSTRALIA

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP -	1977 MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	1978 MARCH
WAGE RATES(\$)													
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	175.72	176.50	180.23	180.07	180.23	183.00	182.73	182.59	182.62	185.29	185.46	188.76	188.86
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	132.53	132.66	135.15	135.18	135.19	137.86	137.85	137.86	137.86	139.90	139.90	141.99	141.99
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	129.98	129.98	132.44	132.44	132.44	135.09	135.09	135.09	135.09	137.12	137.12	139.16	139.16
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	138.05	138.22	140.83	140.85	140.85	143.65	143.68	143.72	143.72	145.87	145.87	148.04	148.04
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	134.05	134.13	136.64	136.64	136.64	139.32	139.47	139.47	139.47	141.43	141.43	143.45	143.45
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	142.45	142.45	145.12	145.12	145.12	147.96	147.96	147.96	147.96	150.12	150.12	152.31	152.31
OTHER MANUFACTURING	135.67	135.70	138.31	138.31	138.31	141.03	141.06	141.08	141.08	143.16	143.16	145.25	145.25
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	134.38	134.48	137.02	137.03	137.04	139.74	139.76	139.77	139.77	141.84	141.84	143.94	143.94
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	151.89	151.89	154.49	154.49	154.51	157.24	157.93	157.97	157.97	160.11	160.11	162.24	162.28
RAILWAY SERVICES	129.63	131.03	133.31	133.31	133.31	135.73	135.73	135.73	135.73	137.58	137.58	139.45	139.45
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	139.04	139.04	141.68	141.68	141.68	144.52	144.52	144.52	144.52	146.68	146.68	148.97	148.97
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	170.05	170.05	173.08	173.08	173.08	176.53	176.53	176.54	176.54	179.17	179.17	181.66	181.66
COMMUNICATION	166.54	166.54	170.04	170.04	170.04	173.40	173.40	173.40	173.40	175.98	175.98	178.91	178.91
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	140.96	140.96	143.61	143.61	143.61	146.44	146.50	146.52	146.52	148.69	148.69	150.91	150.91
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	144.19	144.19	146.87	146.87	146.87	149.73	149.73	149.73	149.73	151.95	151.95	154.18	154.18
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	130.59	130.71	133.12	133.12	133.21	135.80	135.80	135.88	135.90	137.86	138.06	140.09	140.09
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	141.10	141.26	143.90	143.91	143.92	146.68	146.78	146.79	146.79	148.92	148.93	151.13	151.14

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	622.2	624.9	638.1	637.6	638.1	648.0	647.0	646.5	646.6	656.1	656.7	668.4	668.7
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	469.3	469.7	478.5	478.7	478.7	488.1	488.1	488.1	488.1	495.4	495.4	502.8	502.8
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	460.2	460.2	469.0	469.0	469.0	478.3	478.3	478.3	478.3	485.5	485.5	492.7	492.7
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	488.8	489.4	498.7	498.7	498.7	508.6	508.7	508.9	508.9	516.5	516.5	524.2	524.2
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	474.7	474.9	483.8	483.8	483.8	493.3	493.8	493.8	493.8	500.8	500.8	507.9	507.9
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	504.4	504.4	513.8	513.8	513.8	523.9	523.9	523.9	523.9	531.6	531.6	539.3	539.3
OTHER MANUFACTURING	480.4	480.5	489.7	489.7	489.7	499.3	499.5	499.5	499.5	506.9	506.9	514.3	514.3
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	475.8	476.2	485.2	485.2	485.2	494.8	494.9	494.9	494.9	502.2	502.2	509.7	509.7
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	537.8	537.8	547.0	547.0	547.1	556.8	559.2	559.3	559.3	566.9	566.9	574.5	574.6
RAILWAY SERVICES	459.0	463.9	472.0	472.0	472.0	480.6	480.6	480.6	480.6	487.1	487.1	493.8	493.8
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	492.3	492.3	501.7	501.7	501.7	511.7	511.7	511.7	511.7	519.4	519.4	527.5	527.5
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	602.1	602.1	612.9	612.9	612.9	625.1	625.1	625.1	625.1	634.4	634.4	643.2	643.2
COMMUNICATION	589.7	589.7	602.1	602.1	602.1	614.0	614.0	614.0	614.0	623.1	623.1	633.5	633.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	499.1	499.1	508.5	508.5	508.5	518.5	518.7	518.8	518.8	526.5	526.5	534.4	534.4
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	510.5	510.5	520.0	520.0	520.0	530.2	530.2	530.2	530.2	538.0	538.0	545.9	545.9
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	462.4	462.8	471.4	471.4	471.7	480.8	480.8	481.1	481.2	488.1	488.8	496.0	496.0
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	499.6	500.2	509.5	509.5	509.6	519.4	519.7	519.7	519.8	527.3	527.3	535.1	535.1

(A) SEE PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 2. FIGURES FOR THE LATEST TWELVE MONTHS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION - SEE PARAGRAPH 12, PAGE 3. (B) FOR MINING, WAGE RATES USED ARE THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR THE PRINCIPAL MINING CENTRES AND INCLUDE LEAD BONUSES, ETC. (C) INCLUDES WAGE RATES (AND VALUE OF KEEP) FOR OCCUPATIONS IN THE COASTAL SHIPPING SERVICES, OTHER THAN MASTERS, OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS. (D) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY.

TABLE 2.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES(A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, NEW SOUTH WALES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP -	1977 MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	1978 MARCH
WAGE RATES(\$)													
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	194.31	195.76	200.34	200.04	200.34	202.98	202.48	202.18	202.23	205.21	205.51	209.66	209.84
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	129.36	129.36	131.81	131.81	131.81	134.45	134.45	134.45	134.45	136.45	136.45	138.51	138.51
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	129.39	129.39	131.85	131.85	131.85	134.51	134.51	134.51	134.51	136.52	136.52	138.56	138.56
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	137.33	137.33	139.94	139.94	139.94	142.76	142.76	142.87	142.87	145.00	145.00	147.17	147.17
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	135.91	135.91	138.44	138.44	138.44	141.21	141.21	141.21	141.21	143.19	143.19	145.20	145.20
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	137.35	137.35	139.96	139.96	139.96	142.76	142.76	142.76	142.76	144.89	144.89	147.07	147.07
OTHER MANUFACTURING	135.81	135.81	138.54	138.54	138.54	141.31	141.31	141.31	141.31	143.42	143.42	145.55	145.55
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	132.42	132.42	134.95	134.96	134.96	137.66	137.66	137.67	137.67	139.72	139.72	141.80	141.80
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	157.15	157.15	159.85	159.85	159.85	162.75	162.75	162.76	162.76	164.92	164.92	167.14	167.14
RAILWAY SERVICES	128.29	128.29	130.71	130.71	130.71	133.31	133.31	133.31	133.31	135.30	135.30	137.33	137.33
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	143.44	143.44	146.17	146.17	146.17	149.11	149.11	149.11	149.11	151.33	151.33	153.71	153.71
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	172.29	172.29	175.35	175.35	175.35	178.84	178.84	178.84	178.84	181.52	181.52	184.04	184.04
COMMUNICATION	166.57	166.57	170.03	170.03	170.03	173.39	173.39	173.39	173.39	175.97	175.97	178.95	178.95
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	140.83	140.83	143.49	143.49	143.49	146.35	146.35	146.40	146.40	148.56	148.56	150.80	150.80
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	145.70	145.70	148.44	148.44	148.44	151.38	151.38	151.38	151.38	153.61	153.61	155.87	155.87
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	133.81	133.81	136.35	136.35	136.35	139.08	139.08	139.08	139.08	141.15	141.15	143.26	143.26
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	142.07	142.14	144.86	144.84	144.86	147.66	147.63	147.63	147.63	149.80	149.81	152.08	152.09

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	688.0	693.2	709.4	708.3	709.4	718.7	716.9	715.9	716.1	726.6	727.7	742.4	743.0
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	458.0	458.0	466.7	466.7	466.7	476.1	476.1	476.1	476.1	483.1	483.1	490.4	490.4
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	458.1	458.1	466.9	466.9	466.9	476.3	476.3	476.3	476.3	483.4	483.4	490.6	490.6
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	486.3	486.3	495.5	495.5	495.5	505.5	505.5	505.9	505.9	513.4	513.4	521.1	521.1
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	481.3	481.3	490.2	490.2	490.2	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	507.0	507.0	514.1	514.1
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	486.3	486.3	495.6	495.6	495.6	505.5	505.5	505.5	505.5	513.0	513.0	520.7	520.7
OTHER MANUFACTURING	480.9	480.9	490.6	490.6	490.6	500.3	500.3	500.3	500.3	507.8	507.8	515.4	515.4
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	468.9	468.9	477.9	477.9	477.9	487.4	487.4	487.5	487.5	494.7	494.7	502.1	502.1
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	556.5	556.5	566.0	566.0	566.0	576.3	576.3	576.3	576.3	584.0	584.0	591.8	591.8
RAILWAY SERVICES	454.2	454.2	462.8	462.8	462.8	472.0	472.0	472.0	472.0	479.1	479.1	486.3	486.3
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	507.9	507.9	517.6	517.6	517.6	528.0	528.0	528.0	528.0	535.8	535.8	544.3	544.3
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	610.1	610.1	620.9	620.9	620.9	633.2	633.2	633.2	633.2	642.7	642.7	651.6	651.6
COMMUNICATION	589.8	589.8	602.0	602.0	602.0	614.0	614.0	614.0	614.0	623.1	623.1	633.6	633.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	498.7	498.7	508.1	508.1	508.1	518.2	518.2	518.4	518.4	526.0	526.0	533.9	533.9
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	515.9	515.9	525.6	525.6	525.6	536.0	536.0	536.0	536.0	543.9	543.9	551.9	551.9
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	473.8	473.8	482.8	482.8	482.8	492.5	492.5	492.5	492.5	499.8	499.8	507.2	507.2
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	503.1	503.3	512.9	512.9	512.9	522.8	522.7	522.7	522.7	530.4	530.5	538.5	538.5

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TABLE 3.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES(A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, VICTORIA

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP -	1977 MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	1978 MARCH
WAGE RATES(\$)													
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	136.77	136.77	139.29	139.29	139.29	142.01	142.01	142.07	142.07	144.15	144.15	146.32	146.32
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	134.77	134.77	137.34	137.34	137.34	140.07	140.07	140.09	140.09	142.17	142.17	144.28	144.28
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	130.23	130.23	132.69	132.69	132.69	135.34	135.34	135.34	135.34	137.37	137.37	139.41	139.41
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	137.78	138.26	140.87	140.87	140.87	143.67	143.67	143.67	143.67	145.82	145.82	147.99	147.99
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	128.83	128.83	131.28	131.28	131.28	133.92	133.92	133.92	133.92	135.92	135.92	137.95	137.95
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	145.15	145.15	147.91	147.91	147.91	150.87	150.87	150.87	150.87	153.12	153.12	155.37	155.37
OTHER MANUFACTURING	135.93	135.93	138.46	138.46	138.46	141.19	141.19	141.21	141.21	143.29	143.29	145.39	145.39
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	135.09	135.15	137.71	137.71	137.71	140.45	140.45	140.46	140.46	142.55	142.55	144.66	144.66
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	155.12	155.12	157.73	157.73	157.73	160.84	160.86	160.97	160.97	163.04	163.04	165.12	165.12
RAILWAY SERVICES	123.48	123.48	125.83	125.83	125.83	128.34	128.34	128.35	128.35	130.27	130.27	132.20	132.20
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	135.41	135.41	137.99	137.99	137.99	140.76	140.76	140.76	140.76	142.86	142.86	145.11	145.11
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	172.56	172.56	175.61	175.61	175.61	179.14	179.14	179.14	179.14	181.82	181.82	184.37	184.37
COMMUNICATION	167.39	167.39	170.99	170.99	170.99	174.38	174.38	174.38	174.38	176.97	176.97	179.86	179.86
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	142.49	142.49	145.18	145.18	145.18	148.05	148.05	148.05	148.05	150.24	150.24	152.50	152.50
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	142.91	142.91	145.52	145.52	145.52	148.31	148.31	148.31	148.31	150.45	150.45	152.63	152.63
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	130.07	130.07	132.53	132.53	132.53	135.19	135.19	135.19	135.19	137.21	137.21	139.27	139.27
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	139.82	139.85	142.47	142.47	142.47	145.30	145.30	145.32	145.32	147.44	147.44	149.61	149.61

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MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	484.3	484.3	493.2	493.2	493.2	502.8	502.8	503.1	503.1	510.4	510.4	518.1	518.1
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	477.2	477.2	486.3	486.3	486.3	496.0	496.0	496.0	496.0	503.4	503.4	510.9	510.9
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	461.1	461.1	469.8	469.8	469.8	479.2	479.2	479.2	479.2	486.4	486.4	493.6	493.6
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	487.9	489.5	498.8	498.8	498.8	508.7	508.7	508.7	508.7	516.3	516.3	524.0	524.0
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	456.2	456.2	464.8	464.8	464.8	474.2	474.2	474.2	474.2	481.3	481.3	488.5	488.5
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	514.0	514.0	523.7	523.7	523.7	534.2	534.2	534.2	534.2	542.2	542.2	550.1	550.1
OTHER MANUFACTURING	481.3	481.3	490.3	490.3	490.3	499.9	499.9	500.0	500.0	507.4	507.4	514.8	514.8
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	478.3	478.6	487.6	487.6	487.6	497.3	497.3	497.3	497.3	504.8	504.8	512.2	512.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	549.2	549.2	558.5	558.5	558.5	569.5	569.5	570.0	570.0	577.3	577.3	584.6	584.6
RAILWAY SERVICES	437.2	437.2	445.5	445.5	445.5	454.4	454.4	454.5	454.5	461.2	461.2	468.1	468.1
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	479.5	479.5	488.6	488.6	488.6	498.4	498.4	498.4	498.4	505.9	505.9	513.8	513.8
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	611.0	611.0	621.8	621.8	621.8	634.3	634.3	634.3	634.3	643.8	643.8	652.8	652.8
COMMUNICATION	592.7	592.7	605.4	605.4	605.4	617.4	617.4	617.4	617.4	626.6	626.6	636.9	636.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	504.5	504.5	514.1	514.1	514.1	524.2	524.2	524.2	524.2	532.0	532.0	540.0	540.0
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	506.0	506.0	515.2	515.2	515.2	525.1	525.1	525.1	525.1	532.7	532.7	540.4	540.4
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	460.6	460.6	469.3	469.3	469.3	478.7	478.7	478.7	478.7	485.8	485.8	493.1	493.1
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	495.1	495.2	504.5	504.5	504.5	514.5	514.5	514.6	514.6	522.1	522.1	529.7	529.7

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TABLE 4 - WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES (A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, QUEENSLAND

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP -	1977 MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	1978 MARCH
WAGE RATES (\$)													
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	177.32	177.32	180.50	180.50	180.50	183.88	183.88	183.93	183.93	186.44	186.44	189.10	189.10
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	140.82	140.82	143.49	143.49	143.49	146.36	146.36	146.39	146.39	148.58	148.58	150.80	150.80
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	132.50	132.50	135.02	135.02	135.02	137.70	137.70	137.70	137.70	139.75	139.75	141.83	141.83
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	141.11	141.11	143.79	143.79	143.79	146.66	146.66	146.66	146.66	148.86	148.86	151.08	151.08
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	140.08	140.08	142.75	142.75	142.75	145.60	145.60	145.61	145.61	147.80	147.80	150.01	150.01
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	153.61	153.61	156.67	156.67	156.67	159.80	159.80	159.80	159.80	162.16	162.16	164.59	164.59
OTHER MANUFACTURING	136.62	137.09	139.69	139.69	139.69	142.48	142.48	142.52	142.52	144.65	144.65	146.82	146.82
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	140.63	140.69	143.37	143.37	143.37	146.24	146.24	146.25	146.25	148.44	148.44	150.66	150.66
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	143.97	143.97	146.47	146.47	146.47	149.17	149.17	149.17	149.17	151.23	151.23	153.33	153.55
RAILWAY SERVICES	144.17	144.17	146.91	146.91	146.91	149.84	149.84	149.84	149.84	152.09	152.09	154.34	154.34
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	135.15	135.15	137.72	137.72	137.72	140.48	140.48	140.48	140.48	142.59	142.59	144.79	144.79
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	165.14	165.14	168.15	168.15	168.15	171.50	171.50	171.50	171.50	174.08	174.08	176.55	176.55
COMMUNICATION	166.18	166.18	169.64	169.64	169.64	173.00	173.00	173.00	173.00	175.57	175.57	178.54	178.54
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	141.91	141.91	144.60	144.60	144.60	147.49	147.49	147.49	147.49	149.69	149.69	151.94	151.94
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	147.83	147.83	150.64	150.64	150.64	153.64	153.64	153.64	153.64	155.94	155.94	158.25	158.25
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	132.19	132.19	134.70	134.70	134.70	137.38	137.38	137.38	137.38	139.44	139.44	141.53	141.53
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	144.89	144.91	147.63	147.63	147.63	150.53	150.53	150.54	150.54	152.76	152.76	155.02	155.06

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MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	627.9	627.9	639.1	639.1	639.1	651.1	651.1	651.3	651.3	660.1	660.1	669.6	669.6
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	498.6	498.6	508.1	508.1	508.1	518.2	518.2	518.3	518.3	526.1	526.1	534.0	534.0
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	469.2	469.2	478.1	478.1	478.1	487.6	487.6	487.6	487.6	494.8	494.8	502.2	502.2
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	499.7	499.7	509.1	509.1	509.1	519.3	519.3	519.3	519.3	527.1	527.1	535.0	535.0
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	496.0	496.0	505.4	505.4	505.4	515.6	515.6	515.6	515.6	523.3	523.3	531.2	531.2
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	543.9	543.9	554.8	554.8	554.8	565.8	565.8	565.8	565.8	574.2	574.2	582.8	582.8
OTHER MANUFACTURING	483.7	485.4	494.6	494.6	494.6	504.5	504.5	504.6	504.6	512.2	512.2	519.9	519.9
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	497.9	498.2	507.6	507.6	507.6	517.8	517.8	517.8	517.8	525.6	525.6	533.5	533.5
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	509.8	509.8	518.6	518.6	518.6	528.2	528.2	528.2	528.2	535.5	535.5	542.9	543.7
RAILWAY SERVICES	510.5	510.5	520.2	520.2	520.2	530.6	530.6	530.6	530.6	538.5	538.5	546.5	546.5
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	478.5	478.5	487.6	487.6	487.6	497.4	497.4	497.4	497.4	504.9	504.9	512.7	512.7
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	584.7	584.7	595.4	595.4	595.4	607.3	607.3	607.3	607.3	616.4	616.4	625.1	625.1
COMMUNICATION	588.4	588.4	600.7	600.7	600.7	612.6	612.6	612.6	612.6	621.7	621.7	632.2	632.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	502.5	502.5	512.0	512.0	512.0	522.2	522.2	522.2	522.2	530.0	530.0	538.0	538.0
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	523.4	523.4	533.4	533.4	533.4	544.0	544.0	544.0	544.0	552.2	552.2	560.3	560.3
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	468.0	468.0	476.9	476.9	476.9	486.5	486.5	486.5	486.5	493.7	493.7	501.1	501.1
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	513.0	513.1	522.7	522.7	522.7	533.0	533.0	533.0	533.0	540.9	540.9	548.9	549.0

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TABLE 5.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES(A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP -	1977 MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	1978 MARCH
WAGE RATES(\$)													
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	133.15	133.15	135.54	135.54	135.54	138.08	138.08	138.40	138.40	140.34	140.34	142.33	142.33
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	132.73	132.73	135.24	135.53	135.54	138.24	138.19	138.18	138.18	140.26	140.27	142.45	142.47
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	129.07	129.07	131.51	131.51	131.51	134.14	134.14	134.14	134.14	136.16	136.16	138.19	138.19
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	132.85	132.85	135.38	135.60	135.60	138.32	138.32	138.32	138.32	140.40	140.40	142.51	142.51
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	128.57	128.57	131.03	131.03	131.03	133.64	133.64	133.64	133.64	135.65	135.65	137.67	137.67
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	143.10	143.10	145.82	145.82	145.82	148.75	148.75	148.75	148.75	150.99	150.99	153.19	153.19
OTHER MANUFACTURING	134.95	134.95	137.46	137.46	137.46	140.16	140.16	140.17	140.17	142.24	142.24	144.40	144.40
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	133.23	133.23	135.74	135.93	135.94	138.64	138.62	138.61	138.61	140.69	140.70	142.85	142.86
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	150.24	150.24	152.74	152.74	152.90	155.60	155.60	155.70	155.70	157.90	157.90	159.99	159.99
RAILWAY SERVICES	128.48	128.48	130.91	130.91	130.91	133.51	133.51	133.51	133.51	135.51	135.51	137.52	137.52
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	135.16	135.16	137.74	137.74	137.74	140.50	140.50	140.50	140.50	142.61	142.61	144.84	144.84
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	163.32	163.32	166.28	166.28	166.28	169.59	169.59	169.59	169.59	172.14	172.14	174.57	174.57
COMMUNICATION	165.39	165.39	168.83	168.83	168.83	172.17	172.17	172.17	172.17	174.72	174.72	177.53	177.53
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	137.53	137.53	140.15	140.15	140.15	142.95	142.95	142.95	142.95	145.10	145.10	147.25	147.25
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	134.95	134.95	137.50	137.50	137.50	140.25	140.25	140.25	140.25	142.35	142.35	144.46	144.46
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	126.76	126.76	129.18	129.18	129.18	131.79	131.79	131.79	131.79	133.78	133.78	135.79	135.79
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	137.96	137.96	140.53	140.63	140.65	143.41	143.39	143.41	143.41	145.54	145.54	147.70	147.71

(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	471.5	471.5	479.9	479.9	479.9	488.9	488.9	490.0	490.0	496.9	496.9	504.0	504.0
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	470.0	470.0	478.9	479.9	479.9	489.5	489.3	489.3	489.3	496.6	496.7	504.4	504.5
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	457.0	457.0	465.7	465.7	465.7	475.0	475.0	475.0	475.0	482.1	482.1	489.3	489.3
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	470.4	470.4	479.3	480.1	480.1	489.8	489.8	489.8	489.8	497.1	497.1	504.6	504.6
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	455.3	455.3	464.0	464.0	464.0	473.2	473.2	473.2	473.2	480.3	480.3	487.5	487.5
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	506.7	506.7	516.3	516.3	516.3	526.7	526.7	526.7	526.7	534.6	534.6	542.4	542.4
OTHER MANUFACTURING	477.8	477.8	486.7	486.7	486.7	496.3	496.3	496.3	496.3	503.6	503.6	511.3	511.3
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	471.7	471.7	480.6	481.3	481.3	490.9	490.8	490.8	490.8	498.2	498.2	505.8	505.9
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	532.0	532.0	540.8	540.8	541.4	550.9	550.9	551.3	551.3	559.1	559.1	566.5	566.5
RAILWAY SERVICES	454.9	454.9	463.5	463.5	463.5	472.8	472.8	472.8	472.8	479.8	479.8	487.0	487.0
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	478.6	478.6	487.7	487.7	487.7	497.5	497.5	497.5	497.5	504.9	504.9	512.9	512.9
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	578.3	578.3	588.8	588.8	588.8	600.5	600.5	600.5	600.5	609.5	609.5	618.1	618.1
COMMUNICATION	585.6	585.6	597.8	597.8	597.8	609.6	609.6	609.6	609.6	618.7	618.7	628.6	628.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	487.0	487.0	496.2	496.2	496.2	506.2	506.2	506.2	506.2	513.8	513.8	521.4	521.4
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	477.8	477.8	486.9	486.9	486.9	496.6	496.6	496.6	496.6	504.0	504.0	511.5	511.5
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	448.8	448.8	457.4	457.4	457.4	466.6	466.6	466.6	466.6	473.7	473.7	480.8	480.8
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	488.5	488.5	497.6	497.9	498.0	507.8	507.7	507.8	507.8	515.3	515.3	523.0	523.0

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TABLE 6.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES(A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP -	1977 MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	1978 MARCH
WAGE RATES(\$)													
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	140.73	140.73	143.13	143.13	143.13	145.73	145.73	145.73	145.73	148.06	148.06	150.16	150.16
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	132.62	135.82	137.90	137.90	137.90	140.03	140.03	140.03	140.03	141.76	141.76	143.46	143.46
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	133.32	133.32	135.77	135.77	135.77	138.41	138.41	138.41	138.41	140.47	140.47	142.58	142.58
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	141.89	141.99	144.37	144.43	144.43	146.87	147.54	147.54	147.54	149.77	149.77	151.81	151.81
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	134.79	135.51	137.88	137.88	137.88	140.12	141.57	141.57	141.57	142.86	142.86	144.51	144.51
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	151.30	151.30	152.91	152.91	152.91	154.48	154.48	154.48	154.48	155.74	155.74	157.02	157.02
OTHER MANUFACTURING	135.10	135.10	137.36	137.36	137.36	139.67	140.30	140.30	140.30	142.10	142.10	143.78	143.78
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	135.69	137.06	139.26	139.27	139.27	141.49	141.96	141.96	141.96	143.69	143.69	145.41	145.41
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	144.81	144.81	147.40	147.40	147.40	148.39	156.12	156.12	156.12	158.52	158.52	160.64	160.64
RAILWAY SERVICES	111.40	125.37	125.76	125.76	125.76	125.86	125.86	125.86	125.86	125.93	125.93	126.01	126.01
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	139.54	139.54	142.04	142.07	142.07	144.77	144.77	144.77	144.77	146.91	146.91	149.07	149.07
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	174.28	174.28	177.35	177.35	177.35	180.84	180.84	180.91	180.91	183.37	183.37	185.66	185.66
COMMUNICATION	167.08	167.08	170.67	170.67	170.67	174.05	174.05	174.05	174.05	176.64	176.64	179.53	179.53
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	138.28	138.28	140.78	140.78	140.78	143.17	143.90	143.90	143.90	146.05	146.05	148.09	148.09
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	140.56	140.56	143.03	143.03	143.03	145.69	145.69	145.69	145.69	147.92	147.92	150.08	150.08
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	119.37	121.03	122.35	122.35	123.60	124.92	124.92	126.20	126.45	127.29	130.14	131.53	131.53
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	138.04	139.72	141.97	141.97	142.00	143.98	145.56	145.59	145.60	147.48	147.55	149.36	149.36

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MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	498.3	498.3	506.8	506.8	506.8	516.0	516.0	516.0	516.0	524.2	524.2	531.7	531.7
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	469.6	480.9	488.3	488.3	488.3	495.8	495.8	495.8	495.8	502.0	502.0	508.0	508.0
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	472.1	472.1	480.7	480.7	480.7	490.1	490.1	490.1	490.1	497.4	497.4	504.9	504.9
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	502.4	502.8	511.2	511.4	511.4	520.1	522.4	522.4	522.4	530.3	530.3	537.5	537.5
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	477.3	479.8	488.2	488.2	488.2	496.1	501.3	501.3	501.3	505.9	505.9	511.7	511.7
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	535.7	535.7	541.4	541.4	541.4	547.0	547.0	547.0	547.0	551.4	551.4	556.0	556.0
OTHER MANUFACTURING	478.4	478.4	486.4	486.4	486.4	494.6	496.8	496.8	496.8	503.1	503.1	509.1	509.1
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	480.5	485.3	493.1	493.1	493.1	501.0	502.7	502.7	502.7	508.8	508.8	514.9	514.9
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	512.8	512.8	521.9	521.9	521.9	525.4	552.8	552.8	552.8	561.3	561.3	568.8	568.8
RAILWAY SERVICES	394.4	443.9	445.3	445.3	445.3	445.6	445.6	445.6	445.6	445.9	445.9	446.2	446.2
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	494.1	494.1	502.9	503.1	503.1	512.6	512.6	512.6	512.6	520.2	520.2	527.8	527.8
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	617.1	617.1	627.9	627.9	627.9	640.3	640.3	640.6	640.6	649.3	649.3	657.4	657.4
COMMUNICATION	591.6	591.6	604.3	604.3	604.3	616.3	616.3	616.3	616.3	625.4	625.4	635.7	635.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	489.6	489.6	498.5	498.5	498.5	507.0	509.5	509.5	509.5	517.1	517.1	524.4	524.4
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	497.7	497.7	506.4	506.4	506.4	515.9	515.9	515.9	515.9	523.7	523.7	531.4	531.4
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	422.7	428.6	433.2	433.2	437.7	442.3	442.3	446.8	447.7	450.7	460.8	465.7	465.7
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	488.8	494.7	502.7	502.7	502.8	509.8	515.4	515.5	515.5	522.2	522.4	528.9	528.9

(A) SEE PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 2. FIGURES FOR THE LATEST TWELVE MONTHS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION - SEE PARAGRAPH 12, PAGE 3. (B) FOR MINING, WAGE RATES USED ARE THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR THE PRINCIPAL MINING CENTRES AND INCLUDE LEAD BONUSES, ETC. (C) INCLUDES WAGE RATES (AND VALUE OF KEEP) FOR OCCUPATIONS IN THE COASTAL SHIPPING SERVICES, OTHER THAN MASTERS, OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS. (D) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY.

TABLE 7.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES(A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, TASHANIA

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP -	1977 MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	1978 MARCH
WAGE RATES(£)													
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	151.87	151.87	154.59	154.59	154.59	157.53	157.53	157.53	157.53	159.75	159.75	162.03	162.03
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	133.47	133.47	135.94	135.94	135.94	138.58	138.58	138.58	138.58	140.61	140.61	142.69	142.69
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	125.82	125.82	128.20	128.20	128.20	130.78	130.78	130.78	130.78	132.75	132.75	134.73	134.73
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	135.65	136.41	139.00	139.00	139.00	141.78	141.78	141.78	141.78	143.93	143.93	146.09	146.09
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	128.11	128.11	130.55	130.55	130.55	133.16	133.16	133.16	133.16	135.16	135.16	137.19	137.19
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	137.69	137.69	140.30	140.30	140.30	143.11	143.11	143.11	143.11	145.25	145.25	147.42	147.42
OTHER MANUFACTURING	129.81	129.81	132.23	132.23	132.23	134.93	134.93	134.93	134.93	136.92	136.92	138.95	138.95
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	132.70	132.82	135.31	135.31	135.31	138.00	138.00	138.00	138.00	140.05	140.05	142.14	142.14
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	141.32	141.32	143.74	143.74	143.74	146.70	146.70	146.70	146.70	148.67	148.67	150.71	150.71
RAILWAY SERVICES	128.82	128.82	131.20	131.20	131.20	133.78	133.78	133.78	133.78	135.74	135.74	137.73	137.73
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	138.31	138.31	140.93	140.93	140.93	143.76	143.76	143.76	143.76	145.91	145.91	148.10	148.10
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	169.38	169.38	172.42	172.42	172.42	175.85	175.85	175.85	175.85	178.50	178.50	181.02	181.02
COMMUNICATION	162.51	162.51	165.67	165.67	165.67	168.96	168.96	168.96	168.96	171.48	171.48	174.21	174.21
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	142.22	142.22	144.92	144.92	144.92	147.83	147.83	147.83	147.83	150.05	150.05	152.30	152.30
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	154.70	154.70	157.62	157.62	157.62	160.67	160.67	160.67	160.67	163.01	163.01	165.37	165.37
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	125.11	125.11	127.49	127.49	127.49	130.06	130.06	130.06	130.06	132.04	132.04	134.02	134.02
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	139.88	139.93	142.50	142.50	142.50	145.35	145.35	145.35	145.35	147.46	147.46	149.62	149.62

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	537.7	537.7	547.4	547.4	547.4	557.8	557.8	557.8	557.8	565.6	565.6	573.7	573.7
MANUFACTURING -													
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	472.6	472.6	481.3	481.3	481.3	490.7	490.7	490.7	490.7	497.9	497.9	505.2	505.2
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	445.5	445.5	453.9	453.9	453.9	463.1	463.1	463.1	463.1	470.1	470.1	477.0	477.0
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	480.3	483.0	492.2	492.2	492.2	502.0	502.0	502.0	502.0	509.6	509.6	517.3	517.3
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	453.6	453.6	462.2	462.2	462.2	471.5	471.5	471.5	471.5	478.6	478.6	485.8	485.8
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	487.6	487.6	496.8	496.8	496.8	506.7	506.7	506.7	506.7	514.3	514.3	522.0	522.0
OTHER MANUFACTURING	459.6	459.6	468.2	468.2	468.2	477.7	477.7	477.7	477.7	484.8	484.8	492.0	492.0
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	469.9	470.3	479.1	479.1	479.1	488.6	488.6	488.6	488.6	495.9	495.9	503.3	503.3
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	500.4	500.4	508.9	508.9	508.9	519.4	519.4	519.4	519.4	526.4	526.4	533.6	533.6
RAILWAY SERVICES	456.1	456.1	464.6	464.6	464.6	473.7	473.7	473.7	473.7	480.6	480.6	487.7	487.7
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	489.7	489.7	499.0	499.0	499.0	509.0	509.0	509.0	509.0	516.6	516.6	524.4	524.4
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C)	599.8	599.8	610.5	610.5	610.5	622.7	622.7	622.7	622.7	632.0	632.0	641.0	641.0
COMMUNICATION	575.4	575.4	586.6	586.6	586.6	598.3	598.3	598.3	598.3	607.2	607.2	616.8	616.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	503.6	503.6	513.1	513.1	513.1	523.4	523.4	523.4	523.4	531.3	531.3	539.3	539.3
PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SERVICES	547.8	547.8	558.1	558.1	558.1	568.9	568.9	568.9	568.9	577.2	577.2	585.5	585.5
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	443.0	443.0	451.4	451.4	451.4	460.5	460.5	460.5	460.5	467.5	467.5	474.5	474.5
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (D)	495.3	495.5	504.6	504.6	504.6	514.6	514.6	514.6	514.6	522.1	522.1	529.8	529.8

(A) SEE PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 2. FIGURES FOR THE LATEST TWELVE MONTHS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION - SEE PARAGRAPH 12, PAGE 3. (B) FOR MINING, WAGE RATES USED ARE THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR THE PRINCIPAL MINING CENTRES AND INCLUDE LEAD BONUSES, ETC. (C) INCLUDES WAGE RATES (AND VALUE OF KEEP) FOR OCCUPATIONS IN THE COASTAL SHIPPING SERVICES, OTHER THAN MASTERS, OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS. (D) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY.

TABLE 8.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES (A)  
FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS, ETC. (\$)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME),  
AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS.

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FEDERAL AWARDS, ETC. (B)

1977-							
MARCH	143.19	138.00	154.99	139.73	155.94	140.22	141.73
APRIL	143.19	138.05	154.99	139.73	155.94	140.29	141.75
MAY	145.85	140.63	157.83	142.32	158.96	142.85	144.40
JUNE	145.85	140.63	157.83	142.32	158.96	142.85	144.40
JULY	145.85	140.63	157.83	142.32	158.96	142.85	144.40
AUGUST	148.69	143.43	160.85	145.10	162.11	145.70	147.23
SEPTEMBER	148.69	143.43	160.85	145.10	162.11	145.70	147.23
OCTOBER	148.71	143.43	160.85	145.10	162.11	145.70	147.24
NOVEMBER	148.71	143.43	160.85	145.10	162.11	145.70	147.24
DECEMBER	150.85	145.53	163.13	147.22	164.53	147.80	149.37
1978-							
JANUARY	150.85	145.53	163.13	147.22	164.53	147.80	149.37
FEBRUARY	153.11	147.66	165.52	149.40	167.01	149.94	151.58
MARCH	153.11	147.66	165.52	149.40	167.01	149.94	151.58

STATE AWARDS, ETC. (B)

1977-							
MARCH	140.63	144.15	141.50	133.60	135.41	139.11	140.34
APRIL	140.79	144.15	141.53	133.60	137.34	139.11	140.67
MAY	143.58	146.84	144.20	136.09	139.48	141.70	143.30
JUNE	143.55	146.84	144.20	136.43	139.48	141.70	143.31
JULY	143.58	146.84	144.20	136.52	139.52	141.70	143.33
AUGUST	146.33	149.73	147.07	139.21	141.33	144.55	146.01
SEPTEMBER	146.27	149.74	147.07	139.16	143.13	144.55	146.23
OCTOBER	146.24	149.81	147.08	139.21	143.17	144.55	146.24
NOVEMBER	146.25	149.81	147.08	139.21	143.18	144.55	146.24
DECEMBER	148.44	152.00	149.27	141.36	144.98	146.70	148.38
1978-							
JANUARY	148.47	152.00	149.27	141.38	145.06	146.70	148.40
FEBRUARY	150.76	154.23	151.49	143.52	146.78	148.87	150.58
MARCH	150.78	154.23	151.54	143.53	146.78	148.87	150.60

(A) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY. SEE PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 2. FIGURES FOR THE LATEST TWELVE MONTHS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION - SEE PARAGRAPH 12, PAGE 3. (B) FOR DEFINITIONS, SEE PARAGRAPH 10, PAGE 3. THE WAGE RATES FOR THESE TWO CATEGORIES MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME AS A RESULT OF THE TRANSFER OF PARTICULAR AWARDS OR OCCUPATIONS FROM ONE JURISDICTION TO ANOTHER.



TABLE 9.- HOURLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 MARCH 1978 (A)  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND INDEX NUMBERS OF HOURLY RATES

INDUSTRY GROUP	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
WAGE RATES (CENTS)							
MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	586.99	365.79	499.20	355.81	393.46	414.20	509.61
MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, ETC.	346.40	360.98	377.23	356.17	358.97	356.73	355.15
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, ETC.	346.39	348.52	354.57	345.46	356.46	336.81	347.89
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	368.43	369.99	377.71	356.27	379.51	365.21	370.27
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	363.00	344.88	375.04	344.18	361.28	342.97	358.63
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	367.67	388.99	411.46	382.98	400.49	368.56	381.27
OTHER MANUFACTURING	363.86	363.80	367.04	361.85	358.63	347.66	363.26
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	354.63	361.87	376.74	357.31	363.81	355.38	359.99
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	417.84	412.79	383.89	399.98	401.59	376.77	405.69
RAILWAY SERVICES	343.32	330.85	385.85	343.81	315.01	344.33	348.69
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	384.28	362.77	361.97	362.10	372.69	370.24	372.41
COMMUNICATION	468.80	469.94	466.50	470.07	469.07	456.38	468.49
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	376.99	381.24	379.85	368.13	370.23	380.74	377.28
PUBLIC AUTHORITY, ETC.	397.34	392.02	400.39	368.24	379.19	419.85	392.80
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	358.14	348.17	353.83	339.48	328.83	335.04	350.21
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (C)	381.05	373.10	387.58	367.71	372.82	370.50	377.60

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

MINING AND QUARRYING (B)	829.7	517.0	705.6	502.9	556.1	585.4	720.3
MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, ETC.	489.6	510.2	533.2	503.4	507.4	504.2	502.0
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, ETC.	489.6	492.6	501.2	488.3	503.8	476.1	491.7
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	520.7	522.9	533.9	503.6	536.4	516.2	523.3
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	513.1	487.5	530.1	486.5	510.6	484.8	506.9
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.	519.7	549.8	581.6	541.3	566.1	520.9	538.9
OTHER MANUFACTURING	514.3	514.2	518.8	511.4	506.9	491.4	513.4
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	501.2	511.5	532.5	505.0	514.2	502.3	508.8
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	590.6	583.5	542.6	565.3	567.6	532.5	573.4
RAILWAY SERVICES	485.3	467.6	545.4	486.0	445.2	486.7	492.8
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT	543.1	512.8	511.6	511.8	526.8	523.3	526.4
COMMUNICATION	662.6	664.2	659.4	664.4	663.0	645.1	662.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	532.9	538.9	536.9	520.3	523.3	538.1	533.3
PUBLIC AUTHORITY, ETC.	561.6	554.1	565.9	520.5	536.0	593.4	555.2
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	506.2	492.1	500.1	479.8	464.8	473.6	495.0
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (C)	538.6	527.4	547.8	519.7	527.0	523.7	533.7

(A) FOR EXPLANATORY NOTES, SEE PAGES 2 AND 3. (B) FOR MINING, WAGE RATES USED ARE THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR THE PRINCIPAL MINING CENTRES AND INCLUDE LEAD BONUSES, ETC.  
(C) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY, AND SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING. THE FORMER IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE WAGE RATES INDEXES AND FOR THE LATTER DEFINITE PARTICULARS FOR THE COMPUTATION OF HOURLY WAGE RATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

TABLE 10.- HOURLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES, ALL GROUPS (A)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND INDEX NUMBERS OF HOURLY RATES

END OF -	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
WAGE RATES (CENTS)							
1977-							
MARCH	355.65	348.51	361.96	343.24	344.18	346.15	352.29
APRIL	355.83	348.60	362.02	343.24	348.53	346.29	352.70
MAY	362.65	355.13	368.82	349.64	354.12	352.66	359.30
JUNE	362.62	355.13	368.82	349.89	354.13	352.66	359.31
JULY	362.65	355.13	368.82	349.96	354.22	352.66	359.34
AUGUST	369.65	362.18	376.07	356.80	359.08	359.71	366.22
SEPTEMBER	369.59	362.19	376.07	356.76	363.16	359.71	366.48
OCTOBER	369.86	362.42	376.29	356.99	363.42	359.92	366.72
NOVEMBER	369.87	362.42	376.29	356.99	363.43	359.92	366.73
DECEMBER	375.28	367.71	381.83	362.28	368.11	365.15	372.05
1978-							
JANUARY	375.32	367.71	381.83	362.29	368.29	365.15	372.08
FEBRUARY	381.02	373.10	387.49	367.70	372.82	370.50	377.58
MARCH	381.05	373.10	387.58	367.71	372.82	370.50	377.60

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

1977-							
MARCH	502.7	492.6	511.6	485.2	486.5	489.3	497.9
APRIL	502.9	492.7	511.7	485.2	492.6	489.5	498.5
MAY	512.6	502.0	521.3	494.2	500.5	498.5	507.8
JUNE	512.5	502.0	521.3	494.5	500.5	498.5	507.9
JULY	512.6	502.0	521.3	494.6	500.7	498.5	507.9
AUGUST	522.5	511.9	531.5	504.3	507.5	508.4	517.6
SEPTEMBER	522.4	511.9	531.5	504.3	513.3	508.4	518.0
OCTOBER	522.8	512.3	531.9	504.6	513.7	508.7	518.3
NOVEMBER	522.8	512.3	531.9	504.6	513.7	508.7	518.3
DECEMBER	530.4	519.7	539.7	512.1	520.3	516.1	525.9
1978-							
JANUARY	530.5	519.7	539.7	512.1	520.6	516.1	525.9
FEBRUARY	538.6	527.4	547.7	519.7	527.0	523.7	533.7
MARCH	538.6	527.4	547.8	519.7	527.0	523.7	533.7

(A), FOR FOOTNOTES, SEE PAGE 12, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES, PAGES 2 AND 3.

TABLE 11.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT FEMALES (A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 MARCH 1978 (B)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
WAGE RATES (\$)							
MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	135.49	142.72	137.86	136.61	139.32	137.34	138.17
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	133.50	132.51	133.02	135.03	134.55	129.80	133.02
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	140.05	140.06	141.99	138.44	127.65	135.19	139.35
OTHER MANUFACTURING	137.38	139.57	141.06	136.16	136.45	132.51	138.23
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	135.62	136.16	137.19	136.40	133.95	132.71	135.90
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	142.09	144.25	148.79	147.42	140.90	149.88	144.32
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	148.64	152.63	149.52	148.12	146.03	141.06	149.35
PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SERVICES, ETC	147.87	147.96	145.69	141.53	142.51	145.87	146.79
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	138.27	135.29	133.69	131.88	125.19	129.58	135.28
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (C)	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	138.98	136.93	140.92

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	680.6	716.9	692.5	686.2	699.8	689.9	694.1
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	670.6	665.6	668.2	678.3	675.8	652.0	668.2
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	703.5	703.5	713.2	695.4	641.2	679.1	700.0
OTHER MANUFACTURING	690.1	701.1	708.6	684.0	685.4	665.6	694.4
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	681.2	684.0	689.1	685.1	672.9	666.6	682.7
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	713.7	724.6	747.4	740.5	707.8	752.9	724.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	746.7	766.7	751.1	744.0	733.5	708.5	750.2
PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SERVICES, ETC	742.8	743.2	731.8	710.9	715.9	732.7	737.3
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	694.5	679.6	671.5	662.4	628.8	650.9	679.5
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (C)	707.1	708.4	717.5	708.2	698.1	687.8	707.

FOR FOOTNOTES, SEE TABLE BELOW

TABLE 12.- HOURLY WAGE RATES - ADULT FEMALES (A), INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 MARCH 1978 (B)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND INDEX NUMBERS OF HOURLY RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
WAGE RATES (CENTS)							
MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	338.98	357.99	344.65	341.52	348.30	343.35	345.94
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	334.16	331.28	332.55	337.58	336.37	324.51	332.71
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	350.13	350.15	354.98	346.09	319.13	337.98	348.37
OTHER MANUFACTURING	345.24	349.41	352.65	341.62	341.12	331.27	346.68
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	339.71	340.66	342.98	341.26	334.88	331.78	340.15
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	373.53	380.19	393.58	389.62	372.10	413.11	380.69
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	375.81	381.57	373.80	370.30	365.07	352.65	375.07
PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SERVICES, ETC	384.14	377.00	371.28	361.15	361.36	387.17	377.11
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	350.90	338.75	335.00	330.92	313.60	324.96	340.94
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (C)	356.18	354.29	359.79	354.52	349.35	345.55	355.22

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES	675.7	713.6	687.0	680.7	694.2	684.4	689.5
TEXTILES, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR	666.0	660.3	662.8	672.9	670.5	646.8	663.2
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO	697.9	697.9	707.6	689.8	636.1	673.7	694.4
OTHER MANUFACTURING	688.1	696.5	702.9	680.9	679.9	660.3	691.0
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS	677.1	679.0	683.6	680.2	667.5	661.3	678.0
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	744.5	757.8	784.5	776.6	741.7	823.4	758.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	749.1	760.6	745.1	738.1	727.7	702.9	747.6
PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SERVICES, ETC	765.7	751.4	740.0	719.9	720.3	771.7	751.7
AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, ETC.	699.4	675.2	667.7	659.6	625.1	647.7	679.6
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (C)	709.9	706.2	717.1	706.6	696.3	688.8	708.0

(A) SEE PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 2. (B) FIGURES SUBJECT TO REVISION - SEE PARAGRAPH 12, PAGE 3. (C) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY MINING AND QUARRYING ; AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION.

TABLE 13.-WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT FEMALES, ALL GROUPS (A)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK  
(EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS  
AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS ; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES

END OF -	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
WAGE RATES (\$)							
1977-							
MARCH	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.29	127.85	131.61
APRIL	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.66	127.85	131.64
MAY	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.17	131.85	130.28	134.11
JUNE	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	131.85	130.28	134.12
JULY	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	132.13	130.28	134.13
AUGUST	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.46	132.90	136.79
SEPTEMBER	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.46	132.90	136.79
OCTOBER	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.75	132.90	136.80
NOVEMBER	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.75	132.90	136.80
DECEMBER	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	136.54	134.91	138.83
1978-							
JANUARY	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	137.19	134.91	138.87
FEBRUARY	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	138.98	136.93	140.92
MARCH	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	138.98	136.93	140.92

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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)

1977-							
MARCH	660.6	661.9	670.1	661.5	649.4	642.2	661.1
APRIL	660.6	661.9	670.1	661.5	651.3	642.2	661.2
MAY	673.2	674.4	682.8	674.0	662.3	654.4	673.7
JUNE	673.2	674.4	682.8	674.1	662.3	654.4	673.7
JULY	673.2	674.4	682.8	674.1	663.7	654.4	673.8
AUGUST	686.6	687.8	696.5	687.5	675.4	667.6	687.1
SEPTEMBER	686.6	687.8	696.5	687.5	675.4	667.6	687.1
OCTOBER	686.6	687.8	696.5	687.5	676.9	667.6	687.2
NOVEMBER	686.6	687.8	696.5	687.5	676.9	667.6	687.2
DECEMBER	696.8	698.1	706.9	697.8	685.9	677.7	697.4
1978-							
JANUARY	696.8	698.1	706.9	697.8	689.1	677.7	697.5
FEBRUARY	707.1	708.4	717.5	708.2	698.1	687.8	707.8
MARCH	707.1	708.4	717.5	708.2	698.1	687.8	707.8

(A) FOR FOOTNOTES, SEE PAGE 14



TABLE 14.- HOURLY WAGE RATES - ADULT FEMALES, ALL GROUPS (A)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND INDEX NUMBERS OF HOURLY RATES

END OF -	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
WAGE RATES (CENTS)							
1977-							
MARCH	332.74	331.00	336.04	331.14	324.99	322.65	331.77
APRIL	332.74	331.01	336.04	331.14	325.92	322.65	331.82
MAY	339.05	337.27	342.41	337.40	331.42	328.79	338.07
JUNE	339.05	337.27	342.41	337.46	331.42	328.79	338.08
JULY	339.05	337.27	342.41	337.46	332.13	328.79	338.11
AUGUST	345.82	343.96	349.28	344.18	337.99	335.39	344.81
SEPTEMBER	345.82	343.96	349.28	344.18	337.99	335.39	344.81
OCTOBER	345.82	343.96	349.28	344.18	338.71	335.39	344.85
NOVEMBER	345.82	343.96	349.28	344.18	338.71	335.39	344.85
DECEMBER	350.96	349.11	354.49	349.32	343.22	340.46	349.97
1978-							
JANUARY	350.96	349.11	354.49	349.32	344.84	340.46	350.05
FEBRUARY	356.18	354.29	359.79	354.52	349.35	345.55	355.22
MARCH	356.18	354.29	359.79	354.52	349.35	345.55	355.22
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(BASE - WEIGHTED AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100)							
1977-							
MARCH	663.2	659.8	669.8	660.0	647.8	643.1	661.3
APRIL	663.2	659.8	669.8	660.0	649.6	643.1	661.4
MAY	675.8	672.3	682.5	672.5	660.6	655.4	673.9
JUNE	675.8	672.3	682.5	672.6	660.6	655.4	673.9
JULY	675.8	672.3	682.5	672.6	662.0	655.4	673.9
AUGUST	689.3	685.6	696.2	686.0	673.7	668.5	687.3
SEPTEMBER	689.3	685.6	696.2	686.0	673.7	668.5	687.3
OCTOBER	689.3	685.6	696.2	686.0	675.1	668.5	687.4
NOVEMBER	689.3	685.6	696.2	686.0	675.1	668.5	687.4
DECEMBER	699.6	695.9	706.6	696.3	684.1	678.6	697.6
1978-							
JANUARY	699.6	695.9	706.6	696.3	687.3	678.6	697.7
FEBRUARY	709.9	706.2	717.1	706.6	696.3	688.8	708.0
MARCH	709.9	706.2	717.1	706.6	696.3	688.8	708.0

(A) FOR FOOTNOTES, SEE PAGE 14

TABLE 15.- WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT FEMALES (A)

FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS, ETC. (\$)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS.

END OF -	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
FEDERAL AWARDS, ETC. (B)							
1977-							
MARCH	124.30	124.62	129.32	125.92	128.56	125.87	125.07
APRIL	124.30	124.62	129.32	125.92	128.56	125.87	125.07
MAY	126.66	126.98	131.77	128.31	130.98	128.26	127.44
JUNE	126.66	126.98	131.77	128.31	130.98	128.26	127.44
JULY	126.66	126.98	131.77	128.31	130.98	128.26	127.44
AUGUST	129.18	129.51	134.39	130.87	133.60	130.83	129.98
SEPTEMBER	129.18	129.51	134.39	130.87	133.60	130.83	129.98
OCTOBER	129.18	129.51	134.39	130.87	133.60	130.83	129.98
NOVEMBER	129.18	129.51	134.39	130.87	133.60	130.83	129.98
DECEMBER	131.11	131.45	136.38	132.83	135.59	132.80	131.92
1978-							
JANUARY	131.11	131.45	136.38	132.83	135.59	132.80	131.92
FEBRUARY	133.06	133.42	138.42	134.82	137.60	134.79	133.89
MARCH	133.06	133.42	138.42	134.82	137.60	134.79	133.89

## STATE AWARDS, ETC. (B)

1977-							
MARCH	137.57	140.86	135.49	135.63	129.53	129.91	137.30
APRIL	137.57	140.87	135.49	135.63	130.03	129.91	137.34
MAY	140.18	143.52	138.06	138.19	132.14	132.40	139.91
JUNE	140.18	143.52	138.06	138.23	132.14	132.40	139.91
JULY	140.18	143.52	138.06	138.23	132.51	132.40	139.94
AUGUST	142.98	146.35	140.84	140.98	134.75	135.05	142.70
SEPTEMBER	142.98	146.35	140.84	140.98	134.75	135.05	142.70
OCTOBER	142.98	146.35	140.84	140.98	135.13	135.05	142.72
NOVEMBER	142.98	146.35	140.84	140.98	135.13	135.05	142.72
DECEMBER	145.11	148.54	142.95	143.08	136.86	137.10	144.83
1978-							
JANUARY	145.11	148.54	142.95	143.08	137.72	137.10	144.90
FEBRUARY	147.25	150.73	145.09	145.21	139.44	139.15	147.02
MARCH	147.25	150.73	145.09	145.21	139.44	139.15	147.02

(A) SEE PARAGRAPH 8, PAGE 2. EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY; MINING AND QUARRYING; AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. FIGURES FOR THE LATEST TWELVE MONTHS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION - SEE PARAGRAPH 12, PAGE 3. (B) FOR DEFINITIONS, SEE PARAGRAPH 10, PAGE 3. THE WAGE RATES FOR THESE TWO CATEGORIES MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME AS A RESULT OF THE TRANSFER OF PARTICULAR AWARDS OR OCCUPATIONS FROM ONE JURISDICTION TO ANOTHER.

## II. BASIC WAGES, MINIMUM WAGES, AND INCREASES IN AWARD TOTAL WAGES

The tables in this section give details of basic wages, minimum wages and increases in award total wages. Information on wage determination in Australia is contained in the *Official Year Book*. Figures for earlier periods are published in *Labour Statistics, 1975* and in earlier issues of this bulletin.

TABLE 16. STATE BASIC WAGES : WEEKLY RATES (\$)

State	Date operative	Adult males	Adult females	State	Date operative	Adult males	Adult females
N.S.W.	(a)28 February 1978	70.10	60.80	South Australia	..	(b)	(b)
Victoria	..	(b)	(b)	Western Australia	(a)31 May 1974	48.50	43.50
Queensland (c)	27 February 1978	76.40	61.50	Tasmania	28 February 1978	73.50	73.50

(a) Operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Basic wage rates no longer operate. (c) Rates shown are operative in the Southern Division - Eastern District (including Brisbane). District allowances are added for other areas - Southern Division (Western District) \$1.05; Mackay Division 90c; Northern Division (Eastern District) \$1.05; and Northern Division (Western District) \$3.25 a week. District allowances for adult female basic wages are 75 per cent of the respective adult male allowances.

TABLE 17. MINIMUM WAGE : WEEKLY RATES (\$) - ADULT MALES AND ADULT FEMALES, FEDERAL AWARDS

Date operative (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	"Six Capital Cities"	Canberra	Darwin (b)
1976 - 1 April	94.00	93.10	91.30	92.70	93.20	93.80	93.20	93.40	96.30
15 May	96.80	95.90	94.00	95.50	96.00	96.60	96.00	96.20	99.20
15 August	99.30	98.40	96.50	98.00	98.50	99.10	98.50	98.70	101.70
22 November	101.50	100.60	98.60	100.20	100.70	101.30	100.70	100.90	103.90
1977 - 31 March	107.20	106.30	104.30	105.90	106.40	107.00	106.40	106.60	109.60
24 May	109.20	108.30	106.30	107.90	108.40	109.00	108.40	108.60	111.70
22 August	111.40	110.50	108.40	110.10	110.60	111.20	110.60	110.80	113.90
12 December	113.10	112.20	110.00	111.80	112.30	112.90	112.30	112.50	115.60
1978 - 28 February	114.80	113.90	111.70	113.50	114.00	114.60	114.00	114.20	117.30

(a) Rates are operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Rates shown for Darwin are applicable in the Northern Territory north of the 20th parallel of south latitude. Rates for the Northern Territory south of this parallel are \$1.90 a week less.

TABLE 18. MINIMUM WAGE : WEEKLY RATES (\$) - STATE AWARDS

State	Date operative	Adult males	Adult females	State	Date operative	Adult males	Adult females
N.S.W.	(a)28 February 1978	114.80	114.80	South Australia	(a)28 February 1978	113.50	113.50
Victoria	(a)28 February 1978	113.90	113.90	Western Australia	(a)28 February 1978	116.90	114.00
Queensland (b)	27 February 1978	114.40	114.40	Tasmania	(a)28 February 1978	115.70	115.70

(a) Operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (b) See footnote (c) to Table 16.

TABLE 19. GENERAL INCREASES IN AWARD TOTAL WAGES - ADULT MALES AND ADULT FEMALES

Federal awards		Victorian Wages Board determinations		South Australian State awards	
Date operative (a)	Increase	Date operative (a)	Increase	Date operative (a)	Increase
1976 - 15 February	6.4 per cent	1976 - 15 February	6.4 per cent	1976 - 15 February	6.4 per cent
15 May	(b)3.0 per cent	15 May	(b)3.0 per cent	15 May	(b)3.0 per cent
15 August	(c)1.5 per cent	15 August	(c)1.5 per cent	15 August	(c)1.5 per cent
22 November	2.2 per cent	22 November	2.2 per cent	22 November	2.2 per cent
1977 - 31 March	\$5.70 a week	1977 - 31 March	\$5.70 a week	1977 - 31 March	\$5.70 a week
24 May	(d)1.9 per cent	24 May	(d)1.9 per cent	24 May	(d)1.9 per cent
22 August	2.0 per cent	22 August	2.0 per cent	22 August	2.0 per cent
12 December	1.5 per cent	12 December	1.5 per cent	12 December	1.5 per cent
1978 - 28 February	(e)1.5 per cent	1978 - 28 February	(e)1.5 per cent	1978 - 28 February	(e)1.5 per cent

(a) Operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Increase 3 per cent up to a maximum of \$3.80 a week. (c) \$2.50 for wage rates up to \$166 per week. 1.5 per cent for wage rates over \$166 per week. (d) Increase 1.9 per cent up to a maximum of \$3.80 a week. (e) Increase 1.5 per cent up to a maximum of \$2.60 a week.